

I respectfully urge the FCC to reject National Association of Broadcasters' petition 04-160. XM Satellite Radio provides me with continuous quality updated traffic and weather conditions. I am a professional over-the-road truck driver. In addition to the weather and traffic updates, Satellite radio has a trucker channel with live broadcasts. Professional truckers use this channel inform (via cell phone calls to the station) the other professional drivers and the public on road detours, accidents, weather and traffic in "Real-Time". This public forum tool has proven to be invaluable in giving drivers the ability to detour around and help reduce traffic congestion all around the United States. This, in my opinion, helps to alleviate rush hour traffic congestion, reduce excessive idling of engines (reducing air pollution), streamlines tightly scheduled freight deliveries and pickups, helps keep many Just-in-Time industries flowing smoothly, and much more.

I personally pay for this XM Satellite service. The service is a vitally intricate part of my livelihood and is an absolute necessity. I pay for this service each month. This Satellite Radio Service is needed BECAUSE THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THIS NEEDED PUBLIC SERVICE. They should be working in partnership with Satellite Radio Services to provide these needed services to the public INSTEAD OF AGAINST THEM.

I respectfully urge the FCC, House Energy Committee, and members of Congress to OPPOSE HR4026!

Sincerely Timothy A. Ahrens

Respectfully yours, Timothy A. Ahrens